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LOK SABHA

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Export of Cotton
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of cotton to other countries has been adversely affected due to country's poor relations with Pakistan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the export of cotton to countries other than Pakistan from the month of September,2016 till date;

(c) whether export of cotton to Pakistan is still continuing, though in less quantity despite poor relations and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to take any step to discontinue the same, and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): No Madam. The export of cotton to other countries has not been affected due to country's relations with Pakistan. Pakistan is still the 4th largest importer of cotton from India. The export of cotton depends upon various factors such as demand and supply position of Cotton, price parity between domestic and international prices, availability of better quality cotton, availability of international credit finance at lower interest rate, higher yarn realization etc.

(b): As per DGCIS, 28.79 lakh bales of cotton have been exported from the country during the period from Sept., 2016 to Jan., 2017. Out of this, 25.86 lakh bales have been exported to countries other than Pakistan. The data on country-wise export of cotton from September, 2016 to January, 2017 is at Annexure.

(c): The exports of cotton to Pakistan were 2.93 lakh bales from September, 2016 to January, 2017 and Pakistan was the 4th largest export destination for Indian cotton during this period. The present policy for export of cotton is "Free" i.e. export of cotton has been permitted under Open General License. Further, the government vide Notification No. 102(RE-2013)/ 2009-14 dated 08.12.2014 has dispensed with the registration requirement for export of cotton.

(d): No Madam. Does not arise.